

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this amendment, which amends claims 1, 12, and 13, claims 1-16 remain pending. In the office action, claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter and claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Jenevein et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,615,365, hereinafter “Jenevein”). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments above and remarks below.

Section 102 Rejections

Jenevein is directed towards creating images from an imaged partition. Jenevein discloses techniques for storing and retrieving data images of a partition within an imaged partition. Creation of an image within a partition creates an exact copy of the entire partition. Each sector of a partition is read into the image. *See Jenevein*, col. 5, lines 5-39.

Claim 1, as amended, provides a method for configuring target computer systems using different combinations of a plurality of software components from a storage source that includes a plurality of software components. In configure-to-order systems, users may select different configurations for computer systems. Conventionally, software from different vendors had to be downloaded from different sources. However, using particular embodiments, different combinations may be created from a storage source from a plurality of software components. As received in claim 1, a configuration for a target computer system is determined where the configuration specifies a combination of software components desired. An image is created of a first plurality of software components from the storage source. The image is transferred from the storage source and stored onto the target computer system. Additional software components to be stored on the target computer system are determined based on the configuration. These additional software components are stored using a pre-defined module. Other target computer systems may be configured using the pre-defined module where the pre-defined module uses the plurality of software components stored in the storage source to create different combinations of the software components. Thus, the pre-defined module may create different combinations from a plurality of software components stored in a storage source.

Jenevein does not disclose or suggest any of the above elements in claim 1. For example, using the pre-defined module to store additional software components and additionally using the pre-defined module to create different combinations of the software components is not disclosed or suggested in Jenevein. Rather, Jenevein is directed towards creating an image of computer partition and not configuring different combinations of software components.

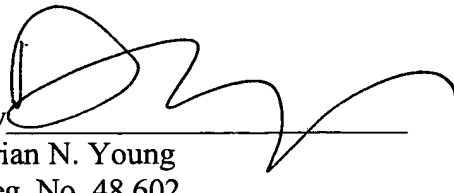
Section 112 Rejections.

Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed towards non-statutory subject matter. Applicants submit that a computer-readable medium is statutory subject matter. However, to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 12 and 13 to read "a computer readable storage medium". Applicants submit that claims 12 and 13 recite tangible embodiments and comply with the requirements of Section 101.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly sought. The undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number below at the Examiner's convenience if it would help in the prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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